

Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award Recipient



Congratulations to Joyce Johnson

The Washington Post's Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award recognizes teachers who exemplify excellence in their profession. Agnes Meyer, a staunch supporter and defender of public education, was the wife of Eugene Meyer, who purchased the Post in 1933. The goals of the award are to recognize excellence in teaching, to encourage creative and quality instruction and to contribute in a substantive way to the improvement of education in the Washington metropolitan area. Nominees must be teachers who instill in students a desire to learn and achieve; understand the individual needs of students, encourage their talents and foster their self-esteem; demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter and the ability to share it effectively with students; foster cooperative relationships with their colleagues and the community; and demonstrate outstanding leadership.

Fauquier County's Joyce Johnson exemplifies all those qualities.

Joyce Johnson teaches second grade at W. G. Coleman Elementary School. Joyce attended James Madison University and transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1970, graduating cum laude. Joyce received her Masters in Education from George Mason University in 1994.

Joyce began her career in Fauquier County at Pearson Elementary School in 1970, where she taught 1st and 2nd grades until 1979. In 1979 she went to Coleman Elementary school as the Reading Lab Teacher for 3rd and 4th grade until 1981. From 1981 to 1989 she taught 3rd grade at Coleman. In 1989 she went back to 2nd grade at Northwestern Elementary (2nd grade classes at Coleman were transferred to Northwestern for 1 year) and then to 2nd grade at Coleman in 1990, where she is today.

Joyce will be awarded the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award at a ceremony on April 7, 2003.

She currently lives in The Plains with her husband Sam.